

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Blinkovsky *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/080,127

Filed: May 15, 1998

For: Polypeptides Having Aminopeptidase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Weatherspoon, J.

#9B 6/16/99 T. Gray

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 1998, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-45 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 46-89 as follows:

46. An isolated polypeptide having aminopeptidase activity selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least 70% identity with the amino acid sequence of amino acids 16 to 496 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes under medium stringency conditions with (i) the nucleic acid sequence of nucleotides 46 to 1488 of SEQ ID NO:1, (ii) its complementary strand, or (iii) a subsequence of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes a polypeptide fragment which has aminopeptidase activity;

(c) an allelic variant of (a) or (b);

06/11/1999 STEFERRA 00000064 141447 09080127

01 FC:117 670.00 CH